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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: NYERERE PROPOSES ARUSHA CONFERENCE WITH PF

1. TANZANIAN UN AMBASSADOR SALIM CONVEYED TO ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ME MORNING APRIL 5 PRESIDENT NYERERE'S SUGGESTION THAT APRIL 15-16 CONFERENCE BE HELD IN ARUSHA RATHER THAN DAR ES SALAAM.

2. NYERERE FEELS THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN ARUSHA WOULD BE BETTER. SALIM ADDED THAT WHEN PF IS IN DAR IT IS HARD TO GET THEM TO CONCENTRATE AND THEY RUN AROUND MEETING WITH EVERYONE. (THIS MAY BE VEILED REFERENCE TO NKOMO'S AND MUGABE'S SOMETIMES CHECKING IN WITH SOVIET EMBASSY BEFORE AND AFTER SESSIONS HERE.) NYERERE HIMSELF WOULD GO TO ARUSHA AND FEELS HE COULD KEEP A BETTER EYE ON THINGS THERE.

3. CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT ARUSHA ARE BETTER THAN AT DAR ES SALAAM. TANGOV WOULD COMMANDEER EXCELLENT NEW MT. MERU HOTEL AND MEETINGS COULD BE HELD THERE OR AT NEARBY CONFERENCE CENTER WHICH HAS MANY OFFICE SUITES, ETC. KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEARBY CAN HANDLE ALL AIRCRAFT NEEDS.

4. STRONG AND I SAID WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY QUERY LONDON AND
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WASHINGTON. SALIM ASKED FOR ANSWER ASAP, INDICATING ARUSHA WAS NYERERE'S PREFERENCE BUT HE WOULD ACCEPT DAR ES SALAAM IF WE COULD NOT AGREE ON ARUSHA.

5. COMMENT: STRONG AND I CONCUR THAT IDEA IS A GOOD ONE. ABILITY ALL PARTICIPANTS TO MBCUS ON SUBSTANCE WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IN ARUSHA. MT. MERU HOTEL AND CONFERENCE FACILITY

GREATLY SUPERIOR DAR ES SALAAM. SO IS KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT. SALIM INDICATED TANGOV WOULD BE PREPARED MAKE AVAILABLE
LARGE NUMBER COMBI VANS IT HAS IN ARUSHA AND TO HELP IN ALL WAYS
WITH COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING AGREEING TO INDEPENDENT
TRANSMISSIONS FROM ARUSHA.

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